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A stirrup leather 12 is installed over a stirrup bar 14 by means of a buckle 24a. The buckle frame has a curvature which forms a recess in which the stirrup bar 14 is received, which allows the buckle frame to sit closer to the saddle 10 than is possible with a planar buckle. This results in an arrangement which is more comfortable under the thigh of the rider.